The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain such statistics.

(c) to (e) Public hospitals provide a range of medical services, mostly free or for a nominal charge. The private sector is also playing a significant role and the same should be allowed to grow with necessary safeguards to ensure maintenance of proper standards and avoidance of malpractices.

Social Forestry Scheme in Gujarat and Orissa

*372. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets fixed under the Social Forestry Scheme in Gujarat and Orissa in the Seventh Five Year Plan have been achieved ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the targets fixed for the Eighth Five year Plan and the amount of Central assistance proposed to be granted for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) During the Seventh Plan period (1985—90), the targets and achievements of afforestation and tree planting activities, including Social Forestry, in Gujarat and Orissa under the 20-Point Programme are as given below :—

(Area in hectares)

	Targets	Achievements
Gujarat	561550	740605
Orissa	637100	552234

In the case of Orissa, the target could not be achieved fully due to the drought conditions and also on account of funding constraints.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan targets and outlays have not been finalised.

New LPG Connections

*373. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average waiting period for a new LPG connection ;

(b) whether it is a fact that inter-city transfer of registration of a new LPG connection is not permissible ;

(c) whether Government are aware that due to this, many transferable employees especially of Government Departments, Banks and Defence Services are deprived of an LPG connection for decades as they are transferred before the maturity of their applications ;

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to maintain all-India waiting list for such employees ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The waiting period for new LPG connection depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributor and also the annual programme for enrolment of new customers. However efforts are constantly on to provide as many LPG connections to as many persons as early as possible.